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## ABSTRACT

This paper introduces the notion of dual of automorphism extendable modules. A module  $M$  is called automorphism-extendable if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , every automorphism of  $N$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $M$ . We call a module  $M$  a dual automorphism-extendable module if whenever  $K$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then every automorphism  $\nu : M/K \rightarrow M/K$  lifts to an endomorphism  $\theta$  of  $M$ . In this paper we give various examples of dual automorphism-extendable modules and study their properties. In particular, we prove that every dual automorphism-extendable module is a D3-module. It is shown that over a right artinian ring  $R$ , an  $R$ -module  $M = \bigoplus_i M_i$  with hollow modules  $M_i$  is dual automorphism-extendable if and only if  $M$  is quasi-projective.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

All our rings will be associative rings with identity and modules will be unitary right modules. A module  $M$  is called an automorphism-invariant module if every isomorphism between two essential submodules of  $M$  extends to an automorphism of  $M$  (see [13]). The class of automorphism-invariant modules was studied in several papers (see [5, 9, 12, 16, 21]). A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called an automorphism-extendable module if every automorphism of any submodule can be extended to an endomorphism of  $M$ . Equivalently, if for every essential submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , each automorphism of  $N$  can be extended to an endomorphism of  $M$ . The characterization of automorphism-extendable modules was studied in the papers [18–21]. In [21, Theorem 1], it is proved that a semi-artinian module  $M$  is automorphism-invariant if and only if  $M$  is automorphism-extendable.

A submodule  $A$  of a module  $M$  is called small in  $M$  (denoted by  $A \ll M$ ) if  $A + B \neq M$  for every proper submodule  $B$  of  $M$ . A module  $M$  is called a hollow module if all proper submodules of  $M$  are small in  $M$ . The Jacobson radical of a module  $M$  is the sum of all small submodules of  $M$  and is denoted by  $J(M)$ . A module  $M$  is called  $N$ -projective (projective relative to  $N$ ) if for every submodule  $A$  of  $N$ , every homomorphism  $\alpha : M \rightarrow N/A$  can be lifted to a homomorphism  $\beta : M \rightarrow N$ . If  $M$  is  $M$ -projective then  $M$  is said to be a quasi-projective module. And if,  $M$  is  $N$ -projective for all right  $R$ -modules  $N$  then  $M$  is called a projective module. An epimorphism  $\varphi : P \rightarrow M$  with  $P$  a projective module and  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) \ll P$  is called a projective cover of  $M$ . We refer to [2, 4, 6, 7, 14, 15] for any undefined notion used in the text.

A module  $M$  is said to be a dual automorphism-invariant module if whenever  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are small submodules of  $M$ , then every epimorphism  $\varphi : M/K_1 \rightarrow M/K_2$  with small kernel lifts to an endomorphism of  $M$  (see [17]). Some properties of dual automorphism-invariant modules were studied in the papers [8, 11, 17].

In this paper, we introduce the notion of dual automorphism-extendable modules and study some properties of them.

**Definition.** A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a dual automorphism-extendable module if whenever  $K$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then every automorphism  $\nu$  of  $M/K$  lifts to an endomorphism  $\theta$  of  $M$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\theta} & M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M/K & \xrightarrow{\eta} & M/K \end{array}$$

- Example 1.** (i) All quasi-projective modules are dual automorphism-extendable. In particular, all semisimple modules are dual automorphism-extendable.
- (ii) For every prime number  $p$ , the Prüfer group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  is dual automorphism-extendable as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Note that  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  is not a dual automorphism-invariant module by [17, Theorem 20]. Furthermore,  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  is dual automorphism-extendable but not dual automorphism-invariant.
- (iii) Let  $Q = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$  where  $F_i = \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $T$  the subring of  $Q$  generated by  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i$  and  $1_Q$ . Then  $T$  is a commutative, non-semisimple V-ring. It follows that every finitely generated module is dual automorphism-invariant by [17, Theorem 5]. But by Theorem 10 and [1, Proposition 30], there is a finitely generated  $R$ -module that is not dual automorphism-extendable.

## 2. Some properties of dual automorphism-extendable modules

We first show that the class of dual automorphism-extendable modules is closed under direct summands.

**Lemma 2.** Every direct summand of a dual automorphism-extendable module is dual automorphism-extendable.

*Proof.* Let  $M = N \oplus H$  be a dual automorphism-extendable module. We will show that  $N$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module. Let  $K$  be an arbitrary submodule of  $N$  and  $\theta$  an automorphism of  $N/K$ . There exists an isomorphism  $\phi : N/K \rightarrow M/(K + H)$  via  $\phi(\bar{n}) = \bar{n}$  for all  $\bar{n} \in N/K$ . So,  $\theta' = \phi \circ \theta \circ \phi^{-1}$  is an automorphism of  $M/(K + H)$ . As  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module, there exists an endomorphism  $\alpha'$  of  $M$  such that  $p_2 \circ \alpha' = \theta' \circ p_2$  with  $p_2 : M \rightarrow M/(K + H)$  the natural projection. Call  $p_1 : N \rightarrow N/K$  the natural projection,  $\iota : N \rightarrow M$  the inclusion map and  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$  the canonical projection. It follows that the following squares are commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} N & \xrightarrow{\iota} & M & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & M & \xrightarrow{\pi} & N \\ p_1 \downarrow & & p_2 \downarrow & & p_2 \downarrow & & p_1 \downarrow \\ N/K & \xrightarrow{\phi} & M/(K + H) & \xrightarrow{\theta'} & M/(K + H) & \xrightarrow{\phi^{-1}} & N/K \end{array}$$

Call  $\alpha = \pi \circ \alpha' \circ \iota : N \rightarrow N$ . Then  $\theta \circ p_1 = p_1 \circ \alpha$  completing the proof.  $\square$

We can check easily the following result:

**Lemma 3.** Let  $M$  be a dual automorphism-extendable module. If  $X$  is a submodule of  $M$  and invariant under all endomorphisms of  $M$ , then  $M/X$  is also a dual automorphism-extendable module.

A module  $M$  is called *supplemented* if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  there exists a submodule  $L$  of  $M$  with  $N + L = M$  and  $N \cap L \ll L$ .

**Lemma 4.** *A supplemented right  $R$ -module  $M$  is dual automorphism-extendable if and only if for every small submodule  $X$  in  $M$ , every automorphism of  $M/X$  can be lifted to an (surjective) endomorphism of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* We only need to prove the sufficiency. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary submodule of  $M$ . By our assumption, there is a submodule  $Y$  of  $M$  such that  $M = X + Y$  and  $X \cap Y \ll M$ . Then

$$M/X \simeq Y/(X \cap Y) \text{ and } M/(X \cap Y) = X/(X \cap Y) \oplus Y/(X \cap Y).$$

We will show that every automorphism of  $M/X$  is lifted to an endomorphism of  $M$ . By the natural isomorphism between  $M/X$  and  $Y/(X \cap Y)$ , it suffices to show that every automorphism  $\alpha$  of  $Y/(X \cap Y)$ , there exists an endomorphism  $\psi$  of  $M$  such that  $\alpha \circ \pi = \pi \circ \psi$ , where the epimorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow Y/(X \cap Y)$  is defined by  $\pi(x + y) = y + (X \cap Y)$  for all  $x \in X, y \in Y$ . In fact, let  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary automorphism of  $Y/(X \cap Y)$ . Call the isomorphism  $\phi = 1_{X/(X \cap Y)} \oplus \alpha : M/(X \cap Y) \rightarrow M/(X \cap Y)$ . By our assumption, there exists an endomorphism  $\psi : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\phi \circ p = p \circ \psi$  with  $p : M \rightarrow M/(X \cap Y)$  the natural projection. Thus  $\alpha \circ \pi = \pi \circ \psi$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** *Assume that  $M$  is a supplemented module such that  $1 - \alpha$  is an automorphism of  $M$  whenever  $\alpha$  is an endomorphism of  $M$  with small kernel. Then  $M$  is dual automorphism-extendable if and only if for every small submodule  $X$  in  $M$ , then every automorphism of  $M/X$  is lifted to an automorphism of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module. Let  $X \ll M$  and  $\alpha : M/X \rightarrow M/X$  an isomorphism. Then there exist homomorphisms  $\beta_1, \beta_2 : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\alpha \circ p = p \circ \beta_1$  and  $\alpha^{-1} \circ p = p \circ \beta_2$ , where  $p : M \rightarrow M/X$  is the natural projection. Inasmuch as  $X \ll M$ , then  $h_1, h_2$  are epimorphisms with small kernels. It is easy to check that  $\text{Ker}(h_1 \circ h_2) \ll M$  and  $\text{Ker}(h_2 \circ h_1) \ll M$ . Moreover, we obtain  $p \circ (1 - h_1 \circ h_2) = 0$  and  $p \circ (1 - h_2 \circ h_1) = 0$ . Assume that either  $h_1 \circ h_2 \neq 1$  or  $h_2 \circ h_1 \neq 1$ . By our assumption,  $1 - h_1 \circ h_2$  or  $1 - h_2 \circ h_1$  is an isomorphism. It follows that  $p = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus  $h_1 \circ h_2 = 1$  and  $h_2 \circ h_1 = 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** *If  $M = X \oplus Y$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module, then  $X$  and  $Y$  are relatively projective.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a submodule of  $Y$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y/A$ , an  $R$ -homomorphism. We will prove that  $f$  can be lifted to  $Y$ . Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/A$  be the natural projection,  $\overline{M} = M/A$  and  $\overline{S} = (S + A)/A$  for any  $S \leq Y$ . Then  $\overline{M} = \overline{X} \oplus \overline{Y}$ . Let  $\overline{f} : \overline{X} \rightarrow \overline{Y}$  be the homomorphism induced by  $f$  in an obvious way. Now,  $\overline{M} = (\iota + \overline{f})(\overline{X}) \oplus \overline{Y}$ , where  $\iota : \overline{X} \rightarrow \overline{M}$  is the inclusion map. Then the map  $g : \overline{M} \rightarrow \overline{M}$  with  $g = (\iota + \overline{f}) \oplus 1_{\overline{Y}}$  is an automorphism of  $\overline{M}$ , which lifts to an endomorphism  $h$  of  $M$ , so that, in particular,  $h(x) + A = (x + A) + f(x)$  ( $x \in X$ ), whence  $h(x) - x + A \in \overline{Y}$ , and thus  $h(x) - x \in Y$ . So if  $h(x) = x' + y'$  ( $x' \in X', y' \in Y$ ), we must have  $x = x'$ , and hence  $f(x) = y' + A = (\pi \circ \eta_Y \circ h)(x)$ , where  $\eta_Y : X \oplus Y \rightarrow Y$  is the canonical projection. Therefore  $\pi \circ \eta_Y \circ h$  is the desired map. It shows that  $X$  is  $Y$ -projective. The  $X$ -projectivity of  $Y$  is proved similarly.  $\square$

**Remark 7.** We do not know if the direct sum of two relatively projective dual automorphism-extendable modules is again dual automorphism-extendable.

**Example 8.** (1) The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  are dual automorphism-extendable modules but  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  is not dual automorphism-extendable.  
(2) The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  is not dual automorphism-extendable, while  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  is dual automorphism-extendable.

A module  $M$  is called a *D3-module* if whenever  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are direct summands of  $M$  and  $M = M_1 + M_2$ , then  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . This class of D3-modules was thoroughly studied in [?] . In [17], the authors proved that every dual automorphism-invariant module  $M$  is a D3-module if  $M$  is a supplemented module. The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module that is not a D3-module. In the next result we show that every dual automorphism-extendable module is a D3-module.

**Lemma 9** ([4, 4.12]). *The following are equivalent for  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ .*

- (1)  $M_1$  is  $M_2$ -projective.
- (2) For every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + M_2$ , there exists a submodule  $N_0$  of  $N$  such that  $M = N_0 \oplus M_2$ .

**Theorem 10.** *Every dual automorphism-extendable  $R$ -module is a D3-module.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a dual automorphism-extendable module. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be direct summands of  $M$  such that  $A + B = M$ . We will show  $A \cap B$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . As  $B$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , we can write  $M = B' \oplus B$  for some submodule  $B'$  of  $M$ . By our assumption,  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module and hence  $B'$  is  $B$ -projective by Proposition 6. By Lemma 9, there exists a submodule  $N$  of  $A$  such that  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = N \oplus B$ . It follows that  $A = N \oplus (A \cap B)$ . But  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ ,  $A \cap B$  is also a direct summand of  $M$ . Thus,  $M$  is a D3-module.  $\square$

### 3. On dual automorphism-extendable abelian groups

We next consider dual automorphism-extendable abelian groups. In particular, we study torsionfree and torsion dual automorphism-extendable abelian groups.

Recall that an abelian group  $M$  is said to be a *divisible* group if for every positive integer  $t$  and every element  $m \in M$ , there exists  $m' \in M$  such that  $m = tm'$ . An abelian group  $M$  is called a *reduced* group if  $M$  has no proper divisible subgroups.

- Fact 11.** (i) Let  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  be a submodule of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and containing  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Assume that  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module. Then from the proof of Theorem 22 in [17],  $M$  is dual automorphism-invariant and  $J(M) = 0$ .
- (ii) All abelian groups  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$  for all positive integer  $n$  are dual automorphism-invariant  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules. Moreover, if  $\mathbb{Z}_n \neq 0$  then  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$  is not dual automorphism-extendable by Proposition 6.

**Proposition 12.** *Every torsionfree dual automorphism-extendable abelian group is reduced.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $M$  is a torsionfree dual automorphism-extendable abelian group. It follows that  $M = (\bigoplus_I \mathbb{Q}) \oplus K$  for some reduced group  $K$ . As  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not dual automorphism-extendable by Fact 11. We deduce that  $M = K$  is a reduced group.  $\square$

In case of torsion abelian groups, we have the following result:

**Proposition 13.** *Let  $M$  be a torsion abelian group. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is dual automorphism-extendable.
- (2)  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = (\bigoplus_{p \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}) \oplus (\bigoplus_{p \in I'} (\bigoplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{m_p}}))$  ( $m_p$  fixed integers) for some disjoint subsets  $I, I'$  of the set of all prime numbers.

*Proof.*

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that  $M$  is a torsion dual automorphism-extendable abelian group. Then  $M$  is a direct sum of a divisible group and a reduced group. Note that the group  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not dual

automorphism-extendable and  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  is not quasi-projective for every prime number  $p$ . Then there exist a reduced group  $K$  and a subset  $I$  of the set of all prime numbers such that  $M = (\bigoplus_{p \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}) \oplus K$ . We claim that every  $p$ -component  $K_p$  of  $K$  is a direct sum of cyclic groups of the same order  $p^n$ . In fact, let  $K_p$  be a  $p$ -component of  $K$  and  $B$ , a basic subgroup of  $K_p$ . By definition of  $B$ ,  $B = \bigoplus_{x \in L} x\mathbb{Z}$  for some subset  $L$  of  $K_p$ . For every  $x, y \in L$  and  $x \neq y$ , call  $p^{k_1}$  and  $p^{k_2}$  orders of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Assume that  $k_1 \neq k_2$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{k_1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k_2}}$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module. So,  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{k_1}}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^{k_2}}$  are relatively projective, a contradiction. It shows that for every element of  $L$  has the same order  $p^n$ . We deduce that  $B$  is a direct summand of  $K_p$  by [7, Proposition 27.1]. But  $K_p$  is a reduced group and hence  $K_p = B$ . It follows that  $K = \bigoplus_{p \in I'} (\bigoplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{m_p}})$  ( $m_p$  fixed integers) for some subset  $I'$  of the set of all prime numbers. Inasmuch as  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  is not a dual automorphism-extendable module for every prime  $p$ , we have to get  $I \cap I' = \emptyset$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is obvious. □

#### 4. Dual automorphism-extendable modules over artinian rings

We will consider the question of when the classes of dual automorphism-invariant modules and that of dual automorphism-extendable modules coincide.

**Proposition 14.** *Assume that  $M$  is a supplemented module. If  $M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module, then  $M$  is dual automorphism-extendable.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a submodule of  $M$  and  $f : M/X \rightarrow M/X$  an isomorphism. By our assumption, there exists a submodule  $Y$  of  $M$  such that  $X + Y = M$  and  $X \cap Y \ll M$ . Note that

$$\frac{M}{X \cap Y} = \frac{X}{X \cap Y} \oplus \frac{Y}{X \cap Y}.$$

Let  $\pi : X/(X \cap Y) \oplus Y/(X \cap Y) \rightarrow Y/(X \cap Y)$  and  $g : M/(X \cap Y) \rightarrow M/X$  be the canonical projection and the quotient map respectively. We have  $\text{Ker}(\pi) = \text{Ker}(g)$  and obtain that there exists an isomorphism  $\phi : Y/(X \cap Y) \rightarrow M/X$  such that  $\phi \circ \pi = g$ . Let  $\varphi : M/(X \cap Y) \rightarrow M/(X \cap Y)$  be the isomorphism defined by

$$\varphi|_{X/(X \cap Y)} = id_{X/(X \cap Y)} : X/(X \cap Y) \rightarrow X/(X \cap Y)$$

$$\varphi|_{Y/(X \cap Y)} = \phi^{-1} \circ f \circ \phi : Y/(X \cap Y) \rightarrow Y/(X \cap Y).$$

It is easy to see that  $\phi^{-1} \circ f \circ \phi \circ \pi = \pi \circ \varphi$ . Thus  $f \circ g = g \circ \varphi$ . As  $M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module, there exists an endomorphism  $\varphi' : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\varphi \circ p = p \circ \varphi'$ , where  $p : M \rightarrow M/X \cap Y$  is the natural projection. Note that  $p_1 = g \circ p : M \rightarrow M/X$  is the natural projection. Thus  $f \circ p_1 = p_1 \circ \varphi'$ . □

The radical series  $J^\alpha(M)$  is defined inductively for each ordinal  $\alpha$  in the usual way, where  $J(M)$  is the intersection of all maximal submodules of  $M$ ,

$$J^0(M) = M$$

$$J^{\alpha+1}(M) = J(J^\alpha(M)) \text{ for every ordinal } \alpha$$

$$J^\beta(M) = \bigcap_{\alpha < \beta} J^\alpha(M) \text{ for each limit ordinal } \beta.$$

We now suppose that  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module. By the definition of  $M$ , then every automorphism  $\alpha$  of its factor with respect to small submodules can be lifted to an endomorphism  $\bar{\alpha}$  of  $M$ . In general, we don't know whether  $\bar{\alpha}$  is an automorphism of  $M$  or not. We will deal with this

question in the next proposition, but first recall that a module  $M$  is called *hopfian* if every surjective endomorphism is an automorphism.

**Proposition 15.** *Assume that  $R$  is a right perfect ring. Then:*

- (1) *The following conditions are equivalent for a hopfian  $R$ -module  $M$ :*
  - (a)  *$M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module.*
  - (b)  *$M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module.*
- (2) *The following conditions are equivalent for an  $R$ -module  $M$ :*
  - (a)  *$M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module.*
  - (b) *For any two small submodules  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  of  $M$ , any automorphism  $\phi : M/K_1 \rightarrow M/K_2$  lifts to an automorphism of  $M$ .*
  - (c) *For any small submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , any automorphism  $\phi : M/K \rightarrow M/K$  lifts to an automorphism of  $M$ .*

*Proof.*

(1) (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) by Proposition 14.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Suppose that  $M = P/K$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module, where  $P$  is a projective module and  $K \ll P$ . Let  $f : P \rightarrow P$  be an isomorphism. We will claim that  $f(K) = K$ . Let  $\varphi : P \rightarrow P/K$  be the natural projection. We will prove by transfinite induction that

$$f(\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))) = \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K)) \text{ for every ordinal } \alpha.$$

In fact, as  $K \ll P$  and  $f$  is an automorphism, then

$$f(\varphi^{-1}(J(P/K))) = f(J(P)) = J(P) = \varphi^{-1}(J(P/K)).$$

We now assume that for each ordinal  $\beta < \alpha$  the following equality holds

$$f(\varphi^{-1}(J^\beta(P/K))) = \varphi^{-1}(J^\beta(P/K)).$$

If  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal, then it is obvious that

$$f(\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))) = \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K)).$$

We now suppose that  $\alpha$  is not a limit ordinal. Call  $\varphi' : P/K \rightarrow P/\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))$  the natural homomorphism. According to the inductive assumption

$$f(\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K))) = \varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)).$$

It follows that there is an isomorphism  $f' : P/\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)) \rightarrow P/\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K))$  such that the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{f} & P \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \varphi \\ P/K & & P/K \\ \downarrow \varphi' & & \downarrow \varphi' \\ P/\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)) & \xrightarrow{f'} & P/\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)) \end{array}$$

In this case  $f' \circ \varphi' \circ \varphi = \varphi' \circ \varphi \circ f$ .

On the other hand, as  $P/K$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module, there exists a homomorphism  $g : P/K \rightarrow P/K$  such that  $\varphi' \circ g = f' \circ \varphi'$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P/K & \xrightarrow{g} & P/K \\ \downarrow \varphi' & & \downarrow \varphi' \\ P/\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)) & \xrightarrow{f'} & P/\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)) \end{array} .$$

Since  $P$  is projective, there is a homomorphism  $g' : P \rightarrow P$  such that the following diagram commutative; that is  $g \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ g'$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{g'} & P \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \varphi \\ P/K & \xrightarrow{g} & P/K \end{array}$$

We obtain, from the above commutative diagrams, that

$$(f - g')(P) \leq \varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)) \leq J(P) \ll P.$$

Furthermore,  $P$  is a projective module and hence  $f - g' \in J(\text{End}(P))$ . We deduce that  $g'$  is an automorphism of  $P$ . Then  $g$  is an epimorphism. By our assumption,  $g$  is an automorphism of  $P/K$ . It follows that  $g'(\text{Ker}(\varphi)) = \text{Ker}(\varphi)$ . On the other hand, we can check that for every ordinal  $\gamma$ , then we have the equality  $g(J^\gamma(P/K)) = J^\gamma(P/K)$ . Consequently  $g'(\varphi^{-1}(J^\gamma(P/K))) = \varphi^{-1}(J^\gamma(P/K))$ .

$$\text{As } (f - g')(\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K))) \leq (f - g')(J(P)) \leq J(\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)))$$

$$\text{and } \varphi(J(\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)))) \leq J(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)) = J^\alpha(P/K), \text{ then}$$

$$(f - g')(\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K))) \leq \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K)).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))) &\leq (f - g')(\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))) + g'(\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))) \\ &\leq \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K)). \end{aligned}$$

We now suppose that  $f(\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))) \neq \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))$ . We have

$$f(\varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K))) = \varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K)) \text{ and obtain that there is an element}$$

$m \in \varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha-1}(P/K))$  such that  $m \notin \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))$  and  $f(m) \in \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))$ . As  $f(m) = (f - g')(m) + g'(m)$  and  $f(m), (f - g')(m) \in \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))$  then  $g'(m) \in \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))$ . On the other hand,  $g'$  is an automorphism and

$$g'(\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))) = \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K)), \text{ consequently } m \in \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K)).$$

This is a contradiction. It shows that  $f(\varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))) = \varphi^{-1}(J^\alpha(P/K))$ . As  $R$  is a right perfect ring, then  $K = \varphi^{-1}(J^{\alpha_0}(P/K))$  for some ordinal  $\alpha_0$ . Consequently  $f(K) = K$ . We deduce that  $M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module.

(2) (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) by Corollary 2 in [17].

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) is clear.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Similar to the proof of (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) of (1). □



**Corollary 16.** *Let  $R$  be a right artinian ring. The following conditions are equivalent for a finitely generated module  $M$ :*

- (1)  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module.
- (2)  $M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module.

A ring  $R$  is called *right invariant (duo)* if all right ideals of  $R$  are two-sided ideals. A ring  $R$  is called *abelian* if all idempotents of  $R$  are central.

**Proposition 17.** *Let  $R$  be an abelian right artinian ring. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is a dual automorphism-invariant module.
- (2) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is a dual automorphism-extendable module.
- (3) Every cyclic right  $R$ -module is a quasi-projective module.
- (4)  $R$  is a right invariant ring.

*Proof.*

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) by Corollary 16.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) It suffices to consider the case when the ring  $R$  is a local ring. Let  $A$  be a proper right ideal of  $R$ , and let  $r \in R$ . Since  $R$  is a local ring, either  $r$  is a unit or  $1 - r$  is a unit. By [11, Theorem 2.6], then  $rA \subseteq A$  or  $(1 - r)A \subseteq A$ . This implies that  $rA \subseteq A$ . We deduce that  $A$  is a left ideal of  $R$ . Thus  $R$  is a right invariant ring.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) by [10, Theorem 10.13].

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is clear. □

**Theorem 18.** *Assume that  $R$  is a right artinian ring. The following conditions are equivalent for a module  $M$ :*

- (1)  $M$  is a quasi-projective module.
- (2)  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module and has a decomposition  $M = \bigoplus_I M_i$  with hollow modules  $M_i$ .

*Proof.*

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) By [14, Proposition 4.32], we only need to show that each  $M_i$  is  $M$ -projective. Since  $M_i$  is hollow, it is cyclic. By Lemma 2, each  $M_i$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module, and so by Corollary 16, each  $M_i$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module. By [17, Theorem 30], each  $M_i$  is quasi-projective. Now, by Proposition 6 each  $M_i$  is  $M$ -projective as required. □

**Remark 19.** Note that we cannot drop the artinian assumption in the above theorem as  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\infty$  is a hollow dual automorphism-extendable  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module but not quasi-projective.

A module  $M$  is called a *lifting* module if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists a decomposition  $M = A \oplus B$  with  $A \leq N$  and  $N \cap B \ll B$ . Clearly by Theorem 10 and [14, Theorem 4.15], if  $M$  is a lifting dual automorphism-extendable module, then,  $M$  is a direct sum of hollow modules. Now, the next two corollaries follow from Theorem 22.

**Corollary 20.** *Assume that  $R$  is a right artinian ring. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is a lifting dual automorphism-extendable module.
- (2)  $M$  is a quasi-projective module.

**Corollary 21.** *Let  $R$  be an artinian serial ring. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module.
- (2)  $M$  is a quasi-projective module.
- (3)  $M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module.

**Theorem 22.** Assume that  $R$  is a right artinian ring and  $M$ , a finitely generated dual automorphism-extendable right  $R$ -module. If  $M/J(M)$  is the direct sum of isomorphic simple modules, then  $M$  is a quasi-projective module.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R$  is a right artinian ring and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ , a basic set of primitive idempotents of  $R$  and  $M/J(M)$  is the direct sum of isomorphic simple modules. By our assumption,  $M/J(M) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k S_i$ , where  $S_i \simeq S_j$  for all  $i, j$ . Let  $\pi : P \rightarrow M$  be a projective cover of  $M$ . It follows that  $p \circ \pi : P \rightarrow M/J(M)$  is also a projective cover, where  $p : M \rightarrow M/J(M)$  is the natural projection. Clearly,  $P \simeq e_j R^k$  for some  $j$ .

Since  $M$  is dual automorphism-extendable,  $M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module by Corollary 16. If  $P$  is a local module then  $M$  is a quasi-projective module by [17, Theorem 30]. Note that every projective module over right perfect rings is the direct sum of modules with local their endomorphism rings. Let  $e$  be an idempotent of  $\text{End}(P)$ . By [6, Theorem 3.10] we have the decompositions  $eP = \bigoplus_{i \in I_1} P_i$  and  $(1 - e)P = \bigoplus_{j \in I_2} P_j$ , where  $\text{End}(P_i)$  are local rings and the sets  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are disjoint finite sets. By Krull-Schmidt-Remak-Azumaya Theorem, there exists an isomorphism  $f : P_i \rightarrow P_j$  for any  $i, j \in I_1 \cup I_2$  with  $i \neq j$ .

Call  $I = I_1 \cup I_2$  and  $\pi_j : \bigoplus_{i \in I} P_i \rightarrow P_j$  the natural projections. Consider the following maps

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 : P &\longrightarrow P \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &\longmapsto x_1 + (x_2 + f(x_1)) + x_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_2 : P &\longrightarrow P \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &\longmapsto (x_1 + f^{-1}(x_2)) + x_2 + x_3, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_1 \in P_i, x_2 \in P_j, x_3 \in \bigoplus_{k \in I \setminus \{i, j\}} P_k$ .

It is easy to see that  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are automorphisms of  $P$ . It follows that  $\phi_1(\text{Ker}(\pi)) = \text{Ker}(\pi)$  and  $\phi_2(\text{Ker}(\pi)) = \text{Ker}(\pi)$  by [17, Theorem 27]. Let  $m$  be an arbitrary element of  $\text{Ker}(\pi)$ . There exist elements  $x_1 \in P_i, x_2 \in P_j, x_3 \in \bigoplus_{k \in I \setminus \{i, j\}} P_k$  such that  $m = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$ . Since

$$f(x_1) = \phi_1(m) - m \in \text{Ker}(\pi), \quad f^{-1}(x_2) = \phi_2(m) - m \in \text{Ker}(\pi),$$

then

$$x_1 = \phi_2(f(x_1)) - f(x_1) \in \text{Ker}(\pi), \quad x_2 = \phi_1(f^{-1}(x_2)) - f^{-1}(x_2) \in \text{Ker}(\pi).$$

We deduce that  $x_3 \in \text{Ker}(\pi)$ . Thus

$$\text{Ker}(\pi) = (P_i \cap \text{Ker}(\pi)) \oplus (P_j \cap \text{Ker}(\pi)) \oplus (P_k \cap \text{Ker}(\pi))$$

with  $P_k = \bigoplus_{l \in I \setminus \{i, j\}} P_l$ . Then  $\pi_i(\text{Ker}(\pi)) \subset \text{Ker}(\pi), \pi_j(\text{Ker}(\pi)) \subset \text{Ker}(\pi)$ . It means that  $\pi_i(\text{Ker}(\pi)) \subset \text{Ker}(\pi)$  for every  $i \in I_1 \cup I_2$ . Therefore,  $e(\text{Ker}(\pi)) \subset \text{Ker}(\pi)$ .

We now consider an arbitrary endomorphism  $f$  of  $P$ . By [3, Theorem 5.3] holds equality  $f = e + g$ , where  $e \in \text{End}(P)$  is an idempotent and  $g$  is an automorphism of  $P$ . Since  $M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module, then  $g(\text{Ker}(\pi)) = \text{Ker}(\pi)$ . It shows that  $\text{Ker}(\pi)$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $P$ . Thus  $M$  is a quasi-projective module by [22, 18.2].  $\square$

**Corollary 23.** Let  $R$  be an abelian right artinian ring and  $M$ , a finitely generated module. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $M$  is a dual automorphism-extendable module.
- (2)  $M$  is a dual automorphism-invariant module.
- (3)  $M$  is a quasi-projective module.

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